



## 2010 Cave Tour Information

### Cave Tours Offered

March 20 - May 28: 10 am - 4 pm\*

*During the last two weeks of April, Caves are open Friday through Monday*

May 29 - September 6: 9 am - 6 pm\*\*

September 7 - October 11: 9 am - 5 pm\*

October 12 - November 28: 10 am - 4 pm\*

*In November, Caves are open Friday through Monday*

November 29 - Late March: Caves are closed for tours

\*Tour schedules are subject to change due to weather or other unforeseen events.

\*\*Wait times can reach up to two (or more) hours during the summer season. The busiest times are between 11:00 am & 3:00 pm. Earlier or later arrival is recommended

### Ticket Purchases

Tickets are sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Purchase tour tickets at the Monument. Tickets may be purchased for any tour scheduled that day. Tickets have assigned tour times, please be sure to arrive on time for your scheduled tour. Each tour group is limited to 15 people.

### Cave Tour Fees

\$8.50 adults

\$6.00 youth (ages 16 and under) **children must be 42 inches tall to go on the cave tour, see below**

Free for the cardholder of America the Beautiful Annual Pass and three other people (adults or children)

Half-priced for cardholders (only) of: the America the Beautiful Senior or Access Pass or Golden Age or Golden Access Pass

### Cave Tour Precautions

The guided tour lasts 90 minutes, and is considered moderately strenuous. It is not recommended for people with heart, breathing, or walking problems. The 0.6 mile (1 km) route includes more than 500 stairs, most of which are steep and uneven. Low passageways require stooping and twisting. Elevation at the Monument is 4,000 ft (1,220 m) above sea level.

### Traveling with Children?

For their safety, children must be at least 42 inches (107 cm) tall and be able to demonstrate their ability to climb a set of test stairs. Child care services are not available and children cannot be carried through the cave. Sneak Peeks are offered. Call or ask at the Visitor Center to learn more about options for families with small children.

### What should I bring? What shouldn't I bring?

The average temperature inside the cave is 44°F (7°C) year round. Be sure to wear warm clothing and comfortable walking shoes. Cameras with flash units are allowed in most areas of the cave. Due to the low ceilings and narrow passageways, backpacks and tripods are not permitted in the cave. The cave is lighted so do not bring your flashlights.

### Accessibility

Only the first room of the cave is accessible to wheelchairs. Because of low ceilings and uneven stairways, crutches are not permitted in the cave. Please contact the Monument for accommodations

### Food and Lodging

Food and lodging are available in the Oregon Caves Chateau from mid-May through October. For lodging information or reservations, call 541-592-3400.

### Directions

Follow Hwy 199 to Cave Junction. Turn south on Hwy 46 (a gas station is on the corner) and follow this road for 20 miles to the Monument. The last 10 miles are narrow, steep and winding. Please drive no faster than 10 miles per hour while on the Monument. Travel trailers and large RVs are not recommended beyond Grayback campground (mile post 12) due to the winding road.

### Additional Information

Call 541-592-2100, write to 19000 Caves Hwy, Cave Junction, OR 97523, or log on [www.nps.gov/orca](http://www.nps.gov/orca).